

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, 13 and 14 have been rejected under §102(b) as being anticipated by WO 00/70922 (Haupt). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended to recite that the each side stay includes a bent portion bent from the side stay at a substantially right angle. Claim 15 recites this feature in a similar manner and was allowed. Therefore, as claims 1 and 13 as amended are now in allowable form, the Examiner's rejection of these claims is now moot and should be withdrawn. Further, as claims 6 and 14 depend from claims 1 and 13, respectively, these claims are also now in allowable form.

Claim 12 has been rejected under §103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of Haupt and AAPA. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 12 depends from claim 1, which is allowable for the above-noted reasons. Therefore, withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of claim 12 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner should note that claims 16-21 have been added to further distinguish the present invention over the art of record. Support for claims 16-21 may be found, for example, in FIG. 4, which shows the length of the side stays in a bottom to top direction as being approximately equal to a corresponding length of the bottom cover (claims 16, 18 and 20), and FIGs. 1 and 2, which show the length of the side stays as being less than a corresponding length of the bottom cover (claims 17, 19 and 21).

The Examiner's indication that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is noted

and appreciated. However, as these claims depend from claim 1, which is now in allowable form, claims 2 and 3 are allowable.

The Examiner's allowance of claim 15 is noted and appreciated. Claim 15 has been amended to correct the minor typographical error noted by the Examiner and not in response to any outstanding rejection or in view of any of the art of record.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Although no additional fees are believed to be due, permission is hereby given to charge any unforeseen fees to deposit account 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,

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